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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1908.

Democratic Governors

effectually disqualified themfor the present at least, from

one of them by secession to figures. the rival and already dominant party? Which one of the five parties listed above does he consider capable of carrying on the vitally important work of oppositioni

CONSOLIDATION AND THE FREE BRIDGE.

BRIDGE.

To defer action in the matter of the Pree Bridge until the consolidation issue is definitely decided is a commental plan only so long as there ment in sound working order. Free Bridge until the consolidation issue is definitely decided is a commendable plan only so long as there is prospect that this decision may come promptly. It is manifestly unwise to wait indefinitely for the appointment, all to admit that he never uses any words like "incunabula." tion committees. Postponement was originally agreed upon on the theory that the Manchester Council would act in the matter of consolidation on No
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laffan," the New York Times evidently meant to suggest that this was no Laffan matter. Police!

engineers' report of March 5th last. In the nine months clapsing aimee that date nothing has been done to remedy the evils pointed out beyond a little inexpensive patchwork applied last summer. All difference of omnion at summer. All difference of omnion at the buzz saw. the nine months clapsing since that summer. All difference of opinion as to the purely temporary character of these repairs has disappeared. Engineer Isaacs, who was quoted last in putting front-page stories across. July as saying that the new braces would make the bridge safe for several years to come, told the joint bridge committee on October last that they could not be relied upon for tweive months. His opinion was specifically asked at that time as to whether it was safe to let the bridge matter wait was safe to let the bridge matter wait until the consolidation issue was settled. He replied that if this issue says Senator Bevorldge, which is no reason, however, why America should try to use Congress for a footstool. stically not safe to wait.

Mr. Reovevelt's messages put a lot of wear and tear on specialism. phatically not safe to wait

situation since Engineer Isaacs gave marning that "there must not be any though?

Chine City Bispaich delay in repairing the orings is the

of wealth would bring to peanut-product could bring.

ipally benefit, not the growers, but he few large dealers.

f not insure, a peanut combination

Virginian-Pilot suggests, really help

han his vote in 1900. It was, it is duties would reduce the market price little gratification to be drawn from lower his cost of living. But can be pect, any such reduction if he clamors 1900 in twenty-one States. Five States for precisely the opposite policy so

THE WONDERFUL SOIL.

While Wall Street throws itself into

thern meninificant testimony of these amazing

The consensus of paragraphic opinion seems to be that while Milton nover had a Nobel prize or a lauresteship, he could be absolutely relied on to knack out the real goods every time he came to bat.

Mr. Taft says that he does not ex-

date, nor has it acted since.

The original expert testimony that the Free Bridge was actually or potentially unsafe was contained in the contained on the containers' report of March 5th last. In

But there's nothing slow in the grinding of the divorce-mills of the

Doesn't Castro beat the Dutch

Borrowed Jingles

THERE ARE OTHERS. My darling wife is pretty firm. Beneath her sway I sometimes squirm. But there's one's thing that I must She doesn't always have her way.

She puts her foot down mighty. There's not a bit of doubt of that She often orders me around. It's best to numer her, I've found.

I am by nature mild and meek And sie's strong-minded, so to spea Yet she has not been stow to find That others have some strengt mind,

That she must tremble at a frown And humbly take a calling down.

She's pretty often brought to book, By me? Good gracious, no! Our coo —Chicago News.

"I refuse you," declared the heroine, "This is simil."
And we only in the sixteenth chapter?"
And we only in the sixteenth chapter?"
Each?"—Weshington Herald.

The poetical young man with soulful eyes was walking with his matter-of-fact brother by the brookside.

"How the stream tosses in its stumber!" he exclaimed.

"What do you think?" exclaimed the theatrical star, proudly, "They are going to name a new eigar after me" "Well," rejoined the manager, "here's hoping it will draw better than you do,"—Glicago News.

"No one understands me!" he groaned;
"no one on earth."
It is the old story wrung from many a
tortured, youthful heart. The sufferer is
senerally mistaken, but the pala is no less
polgnant. Yet in this instance the man's
complaint was true. Nobody on earth could
understand him.
For he was an announcer of trains at
the Union Depot.—Cleveland Leader.

Undivided Glory.

"A star likes a play with only five or six people in the cast."

"Some of these days some manager will gladden his star by bringing out a play with only one people in the cast."—Pittsburg Post:

"My wife and i," remarked the young married man, "have agreed not to give each other anything for Christmas."
"How's that?"
"So that we may save money."
"Better save pleaty of it," advised the old married man, kindly, "For if you carry out that program, my boy, it will take something handsome to pacify her the day after."—Kansas City Journal.

HE government pension appropriation for 1909-10 is expected to reach \$175, 000,000. It might have been cheape

The public is ready to believe any of Sagan and Boni may say about ther.—Philadelphia Ledger.

At Christmas one-half the world doesn't now how the other half can afferd to give uch presents.—Judge. But if a woman knew how nervous she makes most men by getting off a street oar backward she'd probably do it, anyway —Indianapolis News.

The President's offer to let George Adcome to Washington and examine the paper in the Panama Canal deal promises nothing in the way of a sensation, but Mr. Admight use the documents in evidence as the basis of a good comic opera.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Courts of Europe

Ву La Marquise de Fontenoy

Once Arrested for High Treason.

OUNT. ALFRED DURCKHEIM

MONTMARTIN, who has just
been prometed to the rank of full
general of the German army, and
to the chief command of the second of the three corps into which the Bavarian army is divided, enjoys the Good Thing for Virginia, experience, unique among officers of People have been unab

Smooth places in a sendant with springers, which is a sendant with the place of the control of t

nave since taken place in court, his the naval madness gathers volume agrees include some land on Long Island, and property in other portions of the United States, in each case hieavily mortgaged.

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iish and lake trout do fairly well as a substitute for other sea food, but palates yearn for the almost forgotten taste of the lobster's claws.

Give us more lobsters, dear old New England, and we will let you do as you wish with your visitors. The word "do" is used advisedly.—Detroit Free Press.

Italironds and Prosperity.

The recent returns of rallway traffic and earnings justify the impression everywhere current in business circles of a gradual but steady improvement in business conditions, a sure return of that confidence which is the keystons of prosperity. More than half of the idle freight cars on the Pennsylvania system are again in use

or two.

and Mr. Wright in the was what he is talking in it is true, we are working in and figuring as the basic qualification of high dizonship.

It looks very much as if a great regreted by the presidential and congressional campaigns. As this loss is steadily diminishing, the outlook is altogether hopeful and fully justifies the forward movement reported by my many railroads in the matter of new acquipment and renewals. The prosperity of the railroads is not only a reflection of general conditions, but has an immediate and simulating influence upon a whole range of alled industries, and viewed from both standpoints must be a cause of great encouragement to the business world.

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The Stuttering Souncteer How sus-sus-slowly dud-d-d-drag dis-

hours!

A smile like sus-sus-sunshine 'tween the showers,'
That mum-mum-made me think of leafy bowers
In some fair wuh-wuh-woodland,
/ where with thee
My sus-sus-soul communes in ecstasy

Amind the pup-pup-perfume flowers.

And that reminds me, bub-bub-by the way what pup-pup-perfume yuh-you use.
I always yuh-yuh-yuh-yuh-use sache'.
But I would rah-rah-rather ch-ca-choose
Your kind. Is it nuh-new-mown hay?
'Twill henceforth sus-sus-scent my mum-mum-muse.

—Judge.

mum-mum-muse. —Judge.

An Obstructionist.

In his-speech before the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways Association, Mr. Bryan expressed himself vigorous-ly in favor of the Mississippl River project, and added that he was heartly in favor of the development of waterways draining the mountains of the East and West, as well as the Mississippl. If there were no other reason for the objection of the people of the Appalachian region—and Sutes affected as to transportation and agriculture by conditions in the Appalachian Mochtains—to a House of Representatives presided over by Joseph G. ian Modntains—to a House of Representatives presided over by Joseph G. Cannon, the outrageous juggling of the bill to preserve the timber in these mountains would be a sufficient cause for the votes of all whose partyism does not override their desire for material welfare to be recorded as a protest against a party that maintains Mr. Cannon as the arbiter of the fate of legislation at Washington.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

City Fathers' Frolic.

The Mayor, with fifteen members of the Council, with old wash boilers, dish pans, separators, stove pipes, sleigh bells, cow bells and horns of various kinds, quietly proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis. On reaching the front lawn, without being detected, a line, two by two, was formed, signal given, and, oh, gee, such a hideous noise. Yes, it was an old-time serenade, supplemented with the howis of every dog for five miles dis-

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"Suffering" Theory of Genius.
In his recent "Four Victorian Poets" Stopford Brooke coldly attempted to puncture a familiar theory. He was talking about poets, and he said that, for his part, he never took much stock in the idea that geniuses were entitled to, sympathy on the ground that lief superior sensitiveness condemned them to much suffering.

He pointed out that, even if this sensitiveness invited pain, it also increased the possibility of pleasure. The artist has a thousand delicate perceptions which the workaday man may lack, and each one of them is capable of affording a real delichi. The pleasures of the artistic temperament with the possibility of pleasure. The pleasures of the artistic temperament of the workaday man may be taken as fairly representative of the artistic temperament of the bost very approved. We one strong allusions to the blirthpeage of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the blirthpeage of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the blirthpeage of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the blirthpeage of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the blirthpeage of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the bright page of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the bright page of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the bright page of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the bright page of the productions of senius and they be taken as the strong allusions to the following the senius and th

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